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## POOTUNG BATTLE DIES INTO SPORADIC FIRING

### Reds Fail To Gain River WESTERN AREA FIGHTING

## Prison For Indian Rioters

Durban, May 23.—Three Indians originally charged with murder during last January's Indian-African race riots here were sentenced to terms of imprisonment of up to seven years' hard labour at a Criminal Session's court here today.

In each case the charges were reduced to either culpable homicide or assault or both.

The three men are Shumugan Moonsamy, sentenced to seven years' hard labour on a charge of culpable homicide arising out of the death of another Indian; Soni Hirjee, middle-aged Indian found guilty of culpable homicide and sentenced to five years' imprisonment; and Sandrasamy Nalloo, 22-year-old Indian sentenced to four years' hard labour on a charge of culpable homicide arising out of the death of an African at Cato Manor.

Hirjee was alleged to have shot an African watchman on January 18 last and then to have threatened a European with a revolver when the European came to the wounded man's assistance.

He pleaded guilty to the charge of culpable homicide read with charges of illegally carrying fire-arms.—Reuter.

## MARSHALL AID CUT PROPOSED

Washington, May 23.—The United States House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee today recommended a 15 per cent cut in Marshall Aid for Europe, for the year starting July 1, 1949.

By 22 votes to 10, the full Committee overruled a Sub-Committee recommendation for a cut of less than five per cent, and called for a cut of \$20,700,000 from the \$4,000,000,000 President Truman had asked for the second year of European aid.—Reuter.

## Stanvac Tank Ablaze

Shanghai, May 23.—A big tank of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company on the Poolung side of the river seven miles from Woosung was burning for the third day. It was too risky to send fire fighters due to the fighting nearby. The tank contained an estimated 2,200 tons of mobile gasoline.

Nineteen foreigners, including eight women and three children, employed by the Standard Oil installation there are living in a candle factory some distance away but are not in any danger from hostilities at present. The group includes Russian, German, Italian and Swiss nationals.

An informed source said the hostilities seem to be receding from the Standard oil installation which includes 32 tanks, the biggest station of its kind in the Far East. An attempt may be made to evacuate the 19 persons if the situation worsens and threatens their safety.—United Press.

## Defence Of Formosa

Taipei, Taiwan, May 23.—Matters relating to the defence of Taiwan were discussed at a high level military conference held here the other day.

The conference was presided over by General Chen Cheng, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Taiwan, who went to Canton soon after the meeting ended.

The agenda of the conference has not been made known but observers here believe that important decisions were taken in relation to the strengthening of Taiwan as an anti-Communist bastion.—Reuter.

## CHINESE EJECTED

Manila, May 24.—The ejection of 10 Chinese stalholders from the city's public market was ordered today by the Mayor, Manuel de la Fuente, who cited the Supreme Court decision that the operation of public markets is legally reserved for Filipinos.—United Press.

## EDITORIAL

### Fine Example Of Co-operation

The Colony is indebted to Colonel Leung-Kel, Officer Commanding the Chinese garrison at Shumchun, and his men for their wholly successful expedition against the bandits who recently carried out a series of kidnappings, armed robberies and murders in the New Territories. Appreciation is felt not only for the fact that a dangerous gang has been eliminated, but for the willing manner in which the Shumchun garrison responded to Hongkong's appeal for co-operation. Such close liaison and determination to work together is the best guarantee that these dangerous gangs of marauders will be eliminated. The whole operation was a credit to New Territories police for their excellent intelligence; to the Shumchun senior officer and his men for their prompt and decisive action. And also worthy of commendation was the mobilisation of the Hongkong police along the frontier to seal off any possible escape route. The whole affair is a notable example of the wider importance of suppressing banditry which holds as much menace for those who live on the Chinese side of the border as for those in Hongkong territory. The affair should act as a decisive deterrent to other gangs who might feel disposed to believe they can escape retribution for their plunderings and lawlessness. Timely too came the statement yesterday that the Hongkong Authorities are ready to reinforce the Police with troops in order to stamp out any disturbances in the New Territories of Hongkong. When dealing with armed desperados of the type which murdered

two British and two Chinese police officers in the space of ten days, equally inclusive and merciless methods must be adopted to exterminate these pests. They are gangsters, pure and simple, owing no allegiance to anything or anybody but themselves. They have not even the saving clause of being political terrorists, fanatically believing they are serving a cause. They are self-appointed outcasts who will plunder where they can, what they can, and without discrimination. And, as was proved last Saturday and Sunday, the most effective way of destroying these terrorists is to mobilise armed forces on both sides of the border, share each other's intelligence about their movements, and then strike at them hard and mercilessly. The splendid initiative which the Shumchun garrison displayed last weekend, and the determined manner in which the troops carried out their assignment, is the best illustration we have had since Liberation of how co-operation between the Chinese military forces and the Colony's police authorities can achieve decisive results, and we congratulate those responsible for creating these friendly and mutually beneficial relations. We feel too that the successful elimination of the gang which had its headquarters in Shui Wai village will act as a big stimulant to the men whose duty lies within the areas in which these terrorists operate; not only does the destruction of these gangs make safe the frontier villages, but it must serve as a morale booster. The Colony is indeed grateful to all the men who played a part in this spectacular and wholly successful mission to rid the border of violent terrorists.

Punctuating these movements ambulances, Red Cross cars and fire brigade vehicles dashed west, north and east with sirens screaming to pick up Nationalists wounded landed on the waterfront from Pootung.

## WOOSUNG SILENCE

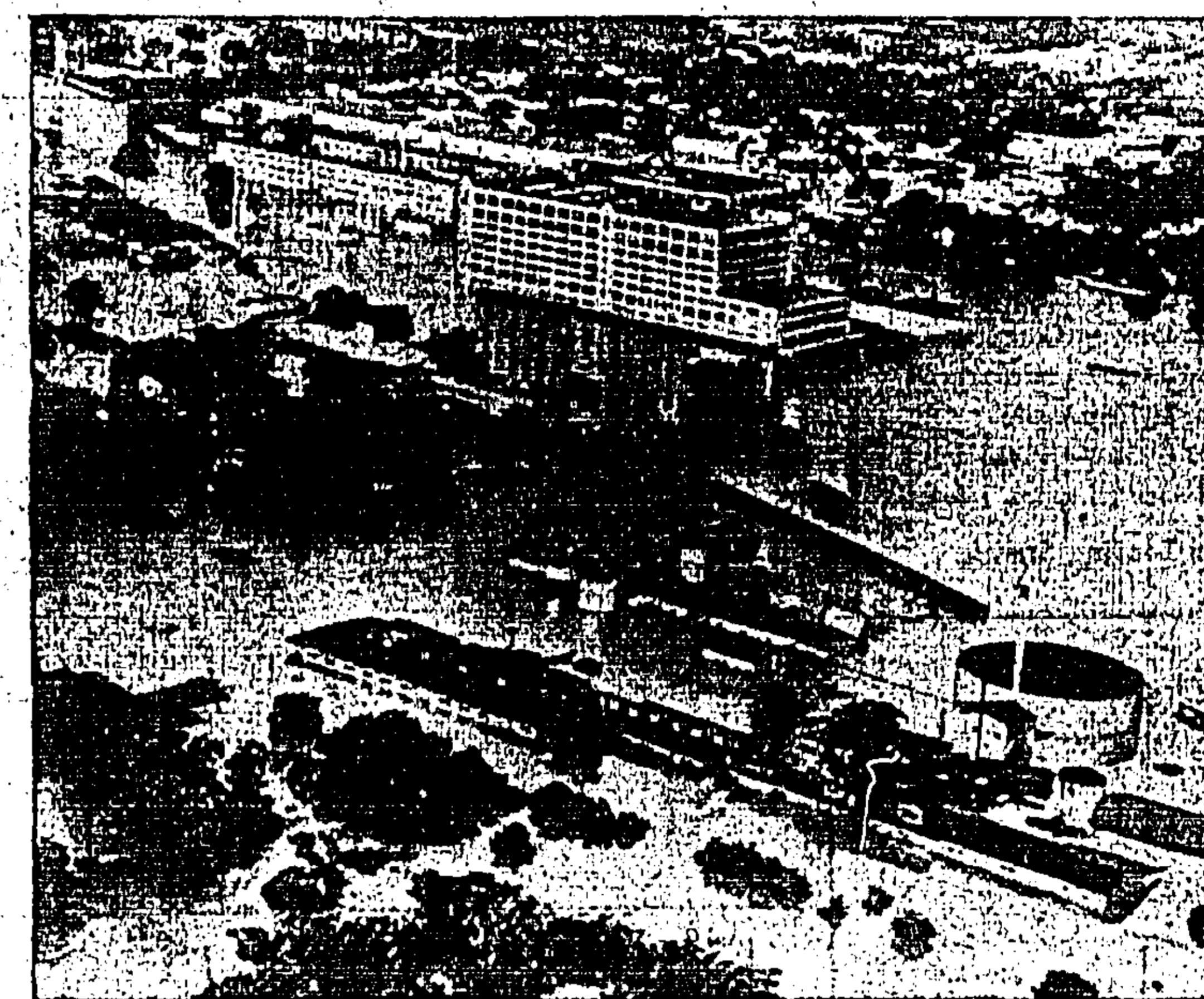
There was no news this morning, official or otherwise, regarding the situation in Woosung where Red attacks were resumed yesterday evening.

The offices of both the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation were besieged by large crowds of last-minute evacuees this morning following the resumption of emergency flights by these Chinese airlines.

It was learned that since no direct attacks were reported Lungtung Airport the companies will maintain the present rush service as long as possible although for all practical purposes there is no longer a ground service of any sort at the airport. All civil planes come in with their own fuel supply and usually take-off again within a few hours loaded to capacity with passengers.—Reuter.

## INTO

## Rampaging Floods



## Two Strikers Killed In Riot

### More Berlin Trouble

Berlin, May 23.—Two strikers were killed and one wounded tonight when a mob attempted to storm the Zoo elevated railway station in the face of five from Eastern sector police and strike-breakers.

A British public safety officer, accompanied by a Western sector policeman, entered the station at 10.20 p.m. and ordered the Soviet Zone railway police to evacuate the premises. He gave them 20 minutes to get out of the station and said if they refused to comply Western sector police would go in after them.

Meanwhile, a mob of 2,000 strikers, milled around outside the station, threatening to overwhelm Western sector police holding them in check and make a second attempt to storm the station.

One striker told the United Press, "I am going in and will murder those guys who are shooting us. Just as soon as we can break these barriers."

### POLICE OPEN FIRE

Shortly before 10 p.m., a crowd, armed with clubs and stones, made one attempt to break in the locked doors of the station. Railway police fired shots into the crowd and three strikers fell. Two of them were killed almost instantaneously and another was wounded in the side.

The besiegers fell back in confusion but threatened to make another rush. Western sector police strained to hold them in check. Police loud-speaker cars circulated the streets warning the men to keep back.

The British public safety officer's demand that the Communist railways police evacuate the station was in accordance with the decision made by the Western Allied commandant this afternoon to halt violence with Western police forces where necessary.—United Press.

## "Idyllic" Foreign Ministers' Meeting

### New Attempt To Write Peace Treaties

Paris, May 23.—The Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference today left the door open for talks on the Japanese treaty and agreed to renew efforts to conclude peace treaties for both Germany and Austria.

Delegates described the meeting—called in an attempt to end the long East-West crisis on Germany—as "cordial, favourable and good humoured". The French delegate called it "idyllic".

How long this atmosphere will last is questionable, but at their first meeting the Foreign Ministers quickly agreed:

1. To omit Japan from their present formal programme but allow for informal talks on plans to draft the Japanese peace treaty later.

2. On a four-point programme for their talks.

3. To give full publicity to their plenary sessions instead of attempting to impose a news blackout.

4. To order their deputies to get back to work on the Austrian treaty in the hope that the final text may be approved at this meeting.

5. To set a date for the next Foreign Ministers' conference before this meeting ends.

Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, Russia's new Foreign Minister, raised the Japanese treaty question at today's opening session in the rose marble Tallyrand Palace. It was the usual diplomatic "surprise" with which Russia likes to open such meetings, but in some conference quarters it was taken also as a possible indication that this time France might seek an overall truce in the global cold war.

### PROGRAMME ADOPTED

Mr Vyshinsky did not insist on immediate action on his proposal and the Big Four Ministers adopted the following four-point programme for discussion:

Political and economic unity of Germany, including the question of that country's occupation.

2. The Berlin problem, including the question of one currency for the entire city.

3. Preparation of a peace treaty for Germany.

4. Examination of the status treaty to restore the independence of Austria.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, who presided at the opening meeting as host, proposed the following four-point agenda on which he, the American Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, had agreed in advance.

Mr Vyshinsky submitted a programme of his own which

included the questions of four-power control of Berlin and the Berlin problem generally. He omitted the Austrian question. However, he withdrew his programme and accepted M. Schuman's.

### SPRINGS SURPRISE

Then Mr Vyshinsky sprang his surprise. His proposal had passed since VJ-Day. He said he did not insist that Japan be put specifically on the programme, but he said some thought should be given, before this conference ended, to the Japanese treaty and especially to the conference of Foreign Ministers on Japan.

The Russian representative argued that the Potsdam agreement of 1945, which set up the Council of Foreign Ministers, foresaw that the Ministers would draft a treaty for Japan. He said the Council, for Japanese treaty purposes, should consist of the United States, Britain, Russia and China, excluding France which took no active part in the Pacific war.

Mr Acheson (United States) reflected Mr Vyshinsky's idea that the four big powers should deal with Japan alone.

He denied that the Potsdam agreement included the idea that the Foreign Ministers of the great powers should act and pointed out that other machinery existed for the job, namely, the Far Eastern Commission which sits in Washington.

Mr Bevin called Mr Vyshinsky's attention to the fact that the British Dominions played a big part in the war and implied that they must be represented.

Mr Vyshinsky's proposal to start work on the Japanese treaty comes on the heels of the near-collapse of Chinese national government and the military victory of the Chinese Communists in all Northern China.

So far as the Western powers are concerned, they would consider negotiating a treaty with Japan only with the Chinese Nationalist government—the only government the West recognises in China—even though the Communists control most of the country.—United Press.

### Thought Shooting Was New Game

Mount Pleasant, North Carolina, May 23.—A four-year-old child shot his father to death today in the innocent belief that he was being shown how to play a new game.

Wetzer Talbert, 37-year-old farmer, first pumped seven bullets into the body of his estranged wife. Then he got his small son, Doyle, to kill him with the same gun.

Doyle's five-year-old sister was in the house at the time. Two sons, 10 and 13, were in the fields ploughing.—(Continued on Page 5)

## BOY MADE TO KILL HIS FATHER

### Meat Rationing To Continue

London, May 23.—The British Food Minister, Mr John Strachey, told the House of Commons today that everything indicates that the present British meat ration will be maintained until the end of the year.

Press reports from Buenos Aires said Argentina is offering to guarantee a supply of 250,000 tons of meat this year compared with 500,000 that British negotiators requested.—Associated Press.

## Only Three Taiwan Ports Now Open To Shipping

Taipei, Taiwan, May 23.—Following the imposition of Martial Law in Taiwan, it has been announced that except for the ports of Keelung, Kaohsiung and Makung all other ports have been closed to shipping. The three ports remaining open are now under the supervision and protection of the Garrison Headquarters.

It is understood that ships arriving at Taiwan should give the Provincial authorities advance notification of their movements.

Martial Law regulations stipulate the death penalty for various offences including rioting, the spreading of rumours, blackmailing, industrial strikes, and disturbing peace and order, sabotaging of communications, unauthorised possession of arms or explosives and the instigation of student strikes.

The regulations also prohibit mass gatherings, public meetings, labour and student strikes and demonstrations.

The authorities here are now keeping a vigilant watch which should detect the infiltration of Communists and they are, at the same time, also rooting out local "bad elements."

The Central Government recently called upon all Provinces under its jurisdiction to co-operate their efforts in the fight against the Communists. Talbot's initial response to this call has come in its imposition of Martial Law. Other security measures, it is understood, may be adopted later if circumstances make them necessary.

A curfew is now in force in Keelung and Kaohsiung daily from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. This is not the case with other Taiwanese cities but a curfew can be imposed in these places if local commanding officers deem it necessary.—Reuter.



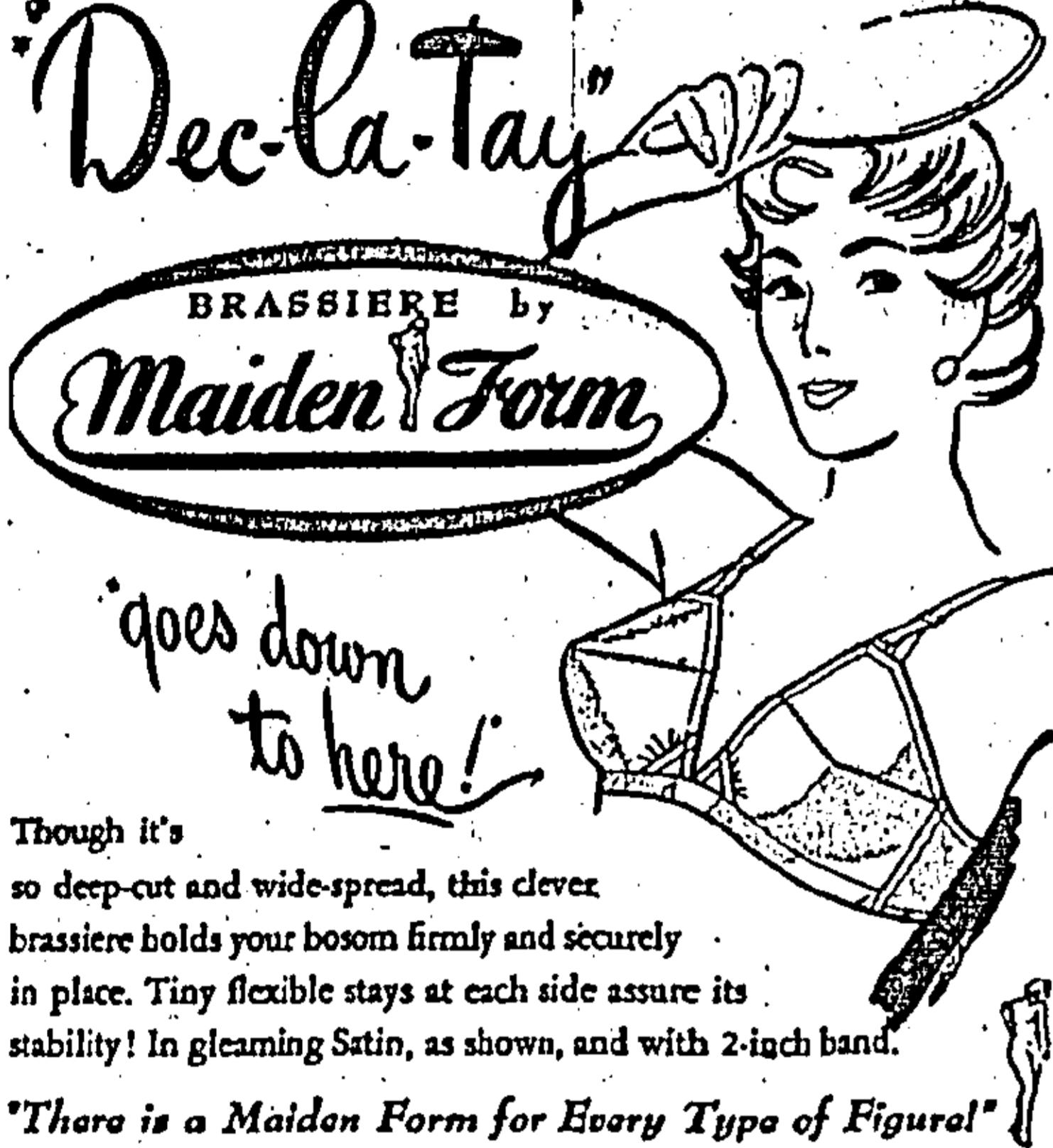
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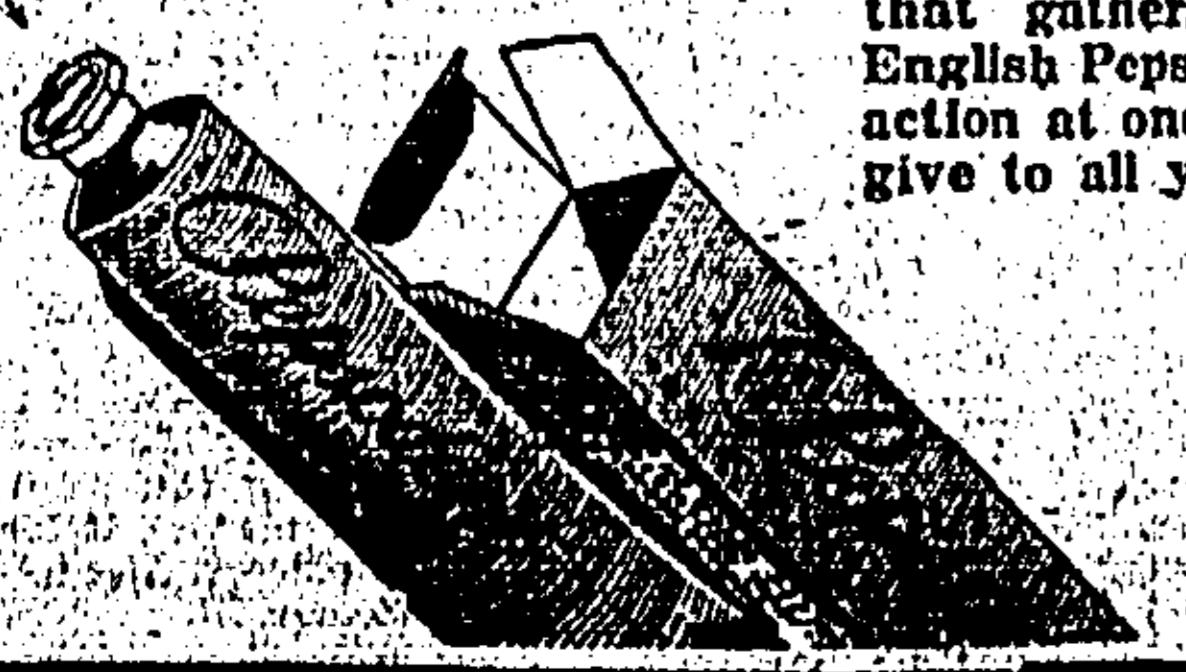


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## WOMANSENSE

### Sailor and Bonnet Choice

By PRUNELLA WOOD

TWO moods both necessary to summer, are shown you here . . . a sailor of navy and natural milan straw with a red velvet spike band trim, for trotabout wear; and a somewhat bonnet brim, dressy hat for your prints and costume suits, especially those with lowish cut necklines.

The latter hat is made of cowslip yellow shantung straw and has its brim full of cowslips, red rambler rosebuds, and accents of emerald green satin ribbon.





Laddie Northridge

### FROM PARIS

GONE are the extravagantly long and full skirts of the past summer, the nipped-in, wasp-waists, and the exaggerated sloping shoulders. Instead fashion has settled upon a very natural line with gently curving shoulders (not squared, please), neat waists marked at the normal position, and skirts of mid calf length.

Necklines are high for day, often very high. Collars appear everywhere, the most popular being a soft turned-down collar of soft material for simple dresses. The most elaborate styles seen on deeply decollete afternoon dresses are softly draped shawl collars or shawl-effects.

Sleeves include many kimono types, cut in one with the bodice. Others set in for more tailored styles are almost all of three-quarter length, often finished with turned-back cuffs.

### Spiral Silhouette Popular

Attention must also be paid to the use of asymmetrical lines. The spiral silhouette launched last season by Jacques Fath, has now swept all Paris.

Although you may wear tight or full skirts, as the fancy takes you, for day and for evening, there is no doubt that the slim-line is the more popular. These slender skirts do not necessarily make walking difficult. Only a few houses favour a hobble line, the majority allowing for freedom of movement with slashed side-vents, wrap-over, buttoned-back openings.

The tailor-made suit with its blouse of contrasting colour is back in the picture again, often carried out on rather classic lines that lasts month after month. Here's a real "beauty treatment" for your car. Helps protect and preserve the finish.

### Detachable Shirt Panels

Interesting additions to the slim skirt are back panels falling loose from waist to hemline.

### Large And Small

Accessories are all-important and hats make fashion news of their own. Shapes may be very large or very small. Often large brims are broken at one side to fold against the face, while tiny satin and moire evening hats hug the head as closely as bathing-caps, with a slit in the centre of the crown through which a curl can be pulled.

Jacques Fath shows tiny straw or felt clothes, while Balenciaga features pretty all-flower toques set straight upon the head. Molyneux favours broad, mushroom crowns and shallow crowns, while frilled parasols are carried with many of his summer dresses.

White pleat, one of the most popular cotton fabrics in use this season, is seen in many hats: white pleat hats with tiny frills round the edges of the brims. Stitched white lawn shapes come from the same house.

Novel straws are one of the high lights of spring and summer millinery. All the designers have taken them up and, among the leading manufacturers and who have placed successful novelty straws "Tissu de paille" an ultra-supple straw sold by the yard, has been immensely popular, while unusual wicker straws figure prominently.

Handbags make news in their own bags in the form of foot-bags, and other circular shapes edged with bands of wickerwork to match the hats.

Flowers to wear on the lapels of a suit, or tucked into the corsage of a chiffon evening dress, are varied but subdued in colour.

### Flowers in Vogue

Among the most popular with the fashion houses are white gardenias, worn on the lapels of navy-blue and white jackets. Posies of yellow cowslips, emphasizing the prevalence of yellow in the new styles, may be worn on a lapel, or pinned on the wrist of a navy-blue bolero.

Where materials are concerned choose any of the classics for morning wear. Sheer crepes and failles are particularly good. Taffetas and failles, pongeines and ottoman, along with plain crepes, are good for the afternoon. Chiffon, silk, faille, and lace, with a little satin, dominate for evening.

### Jap Women Eager For Democracy

JAPANESE women are becoming extremely progressive, more so than the Indian women and, perhaps, even more than the Chinese, said Mr. K. M. Kaul, Deputy Secretary to the Ministry of Finance (India) after his one-month visit to Japan.

Democracy, under General MacArthur's regime was slow in establishing itself, he said, but was definitely coming to stay.

The women, especially, were bent on reaping its benefits.

Many of them have forsaken elementary education and a life at home for university education.

Many of the waitresses working in Tokyo's cafes and restaurants, said Mr. Kaul, were university students who were working part-time in order to pay their way through college.

### Kimono Going

The kimono, symbol of old Japan, was hardly seen in any of the towns. Japanese girls are completely modernized and wear Western dress and make-up.

Old marriage customs in which a girl was virtually forced to marry the choice of her parents are giving way to romance and marry-the-man of one's choice.

Mr. Kaul said that the Japanese were working hard to re-establish Japan's trade and commercial prosperity in spite of a current shortage of building material which was holding up rehabilitation.

When putting away your fur don't forget to clean it first.

The usual home method of cleaning any fur is to rub it into cornmeal which has been dampened with cleaning fluid. When this has dried it can be shaken out and the fur brushed. If the fur is heavily soiled, this treatment won't be too satisfactory. You may have to sacrifice some of the fur's fluffiness if you use a soapless shampoo, but it will get the fur clean. Try not to get the skin too wet.

**Household Hint**

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### Let Your Feet Be Comfortable



Courtesy Delmonico's  
Suitable for daytime resort wear are these trim tan-and-white Oxford pumps with a sturdy leather heel and moccasin vamp. Smart for summer, too.

By HELEN FOLLETT

London, May 13.—Seen shopping together today in London's fashionable West End: Miss Diana Arietta Kan, the Chinese artist, and Miss Phyllis Woolford of British Giuliano, otherwise known as "Miss Caribbean, 1948."

Miss Kan and Miss Woolford, who first met when Miss Kan moved into a small private hotel in Kensington, have become close friends.

Incidentally, the room which Miss Kan now occupies is on the sixth floor and is popularly known among the tenants as "Seventh Heaven"—probably because there is no lift in the hotel.

Miss Woolford came to London seven months ago. The trip was the prize she won when she became the beauty queen of the Caribbean last year.

It was Miss Woolford who finally managed to persuade Miss Kan that London "buses really aren't such frightening things. Since she arrived here Miss Kan has travelled everywhere by taxi—"because," she said, "I am too scared to go on the buses."

### Idea For Picture

Miss Kan got the idea for the new picture she is working on from a window display in Harrods, one of London's most famous stores. As part of the store's hundredth anniversary celebrations they have decorated their window with models dressed in fashions of a hundred years ago.

"One of them is posed looking over her shoulder and looked so pretty I decided to paint one of my Chinese figures in that pose," she told me.

I have noticed that Miss Kan, who invariably wears her Chinese national dress, receives many admiring glances when she goes for a walk in London.

**FOOTNOTE.** Miss Kan is looking for a blonde model. "I would like to paint a blonde," she said. "In France we do not have much molasses, although we get a taste somewhat similar if we use what is called treacle, and that comes from England." Helping himself to a third, one he asked, "Madame, when do you think is the right time to eat candy?"

"A little candy is perfect for dessert, in place of other sweets, of course. Grown-ups enjoy it with coffee—or tea, and children will usually scrape their plates clean if candy is to be the dessert. However, they should not be allowed to eat candy between meals, unless it is planned as part of their diet. A little in mid-afternoon is a good pick-up, which many active children need, for they burn up much quick energy food. And some adults who do active physical work and are not overweight, can get a lift from a little simple candy in mid-afternoon. But as it dulls the appetite, candy should not be eaten just before a meal."

**A Hostful Food**

"Remember, Madame, when we were in Louisiana we saw the molasses made, and I was impressed to learn that it contains minerals from the sugar cane from which it comes."

"Yes, molasses is a healthy food, especially rich in iron, and most of us do not realize how much of the iron-rich foods we must eat to keep the iron requirement. In practical terms 3 tablespoons of molasses supplies a third of the day's iron requirements. A good way to use this is in a milk shake. Just measure 3 tbsp. molasses into a small bowl, and stir in 2/4 of a glass of milk. When heated this is a pleasant 'nightcap' to get the equivalent in calcium, you would have to eat 51 tablespoons of molasses to get the same amount of calcium."

"To get the equivalent in calcium, you would have to eat 51 tablespoons of molasses to get the same amount of calcium. This will keep a week in a tightly closed cake box. Or if desired, it may be wrapped snugly in aluminum foil."

**Coconut Chows**

"Oh, I, I, I," exclaimed the Chef, munching contentedly. "I think I'll take my iron in these molasses coconut chows."

"Chef, that's your favorite piecemeal. Remember, you don't have to eat candy to get molasses. It's good as syrup on waffles and griddle cakes. And of course, there's biscuits and molasses cake. And steamed molasses ginger pudding and American Indian pudding."

"And Madame, I have an idea—molasses with French molasses."

CHIROPODISTS tell us that only ten women in a hundred have normal feet. A fine arrangement is that their toes are so the shoes will retain their shape, give you the support you need. Do not fail to put them on shoe trees when you are not canting around in them.

If we were to give the feet proper care, toes would be as flexible as fingers. If you bind them into a huddle, what can you expect? We know the answer and you are welcome to come, callous, ingrown nails, misery, brown lines and goutches. All that and more,

The upper portion of the shoe should be of pliable leather so that the motions of the muscles should not be eliminated. The toe should provide ease of movement of the entire body, in fact. If there is discomfort—and there will be if the shoes does not fit properly—good posture will be impossible, the fine lines of the feminine figure may change and not for the better.

### Let's Eat

BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

### Molasses a Valuable Food

THERE are several kinds of molasses: Molasses kisses, molasses sticks, and molasses-coconut chews, each more enticing than the other. I fell for the coconut chews and took a pound back to the test kitchen.

### Molasses Flavour

"I like very much the candies made with the molasses; they have a very nice flavour," remarked the Chef, starting a second piece. "In France we do not have much molasses, although we get a taste something similar if we use what is called treacle, and that comes from England." Helping himself to a third, one he asked,

"Madame, when do you think is the right time to eat candy?"

"A little candy is perfect for dessert, in place of other sweets, of course. Grown-ups enjoy it with coffee—or tea, and children will usually scrape their plates clean if candy is to be the dessert. However, they should not be allowed to eat candy between meals, unless it is planned as part of their diet. A little in mid-afternoon is a good pick-up, which many active children need, for they burn up much quick energy food. And some adults who do active physical work and are not overweight, can get a lift from a little simple candy in mid-afternoon. But as it dulls the appetite, candy should not be eaten just before a meal."

**Nippy Spinach**

Clean 2 lbs. spinach and cook 10 min. in its own juice. Chop coarse in the kettle. A pastry blinder is good for this purpose. Add 1 tsp. grated horseradish, 1 tsp. sugar and 2 tbsp. butter or margarine. Salt and pepper to taste. Simmer 1 min.

**Molasses Coconut Chows**

In a qt. sauce pan combine 1/2 c. dark molasses, 1/2 c. corn syrup, 1 tbsp. cider vinegar and 2 tbsp. butter or margarine. Boil slowly, stirring occasionally until a small quantity, when dropped into cold water, forms a soft ball—240° F., by a candy thermometer. Remove from the heat. Quickly stir in 2 c. shredded coconut, 1/2 c. boiling water and a bouillon cube. Let come to a boil. Pour into the lined pie-plate; cover with a top crust; press the edges together with a fork; slash the centre to let the steam escape. Bake 35 min. in a hot oven, 400 F.

**Molasses Raisin Loaf Cake**

Into a qt. sauce pan measure 1/2 c. sugar and 1/2 c. shortening, any kind. Add 2 eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly. Blend in 1/2 c. dark molasses. Sift together 1 1/2 c. flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg and 1/4 tsp. salt. Add alternately with 1/2 c. milk to the first mixture. Sift 1 c. seedless raisins with an additional 1/4 c. flour, and fold into the cake batter. Line an oiled 9" x 9" loaf pan with greased waxed paper. Pour in the batter. Make it higher at the edges than in the centre. Bake 1 hr. and 35 min. in a moderate oven, 350 F. Cool 5 min. Turn from the pan and invert cooling on a cake rack. This will keep a week in a tightly closed cake box. Or if desired, it may be wrapped snugly in aluminum foil.

**Trick Of The Chef**

A nice topping for French toast is made by creaming together 1/2 c. butter or margarine, 1/2 c. sugar and 2 tbsp.

"And Madame, I have an idea—molasses with French molasses."

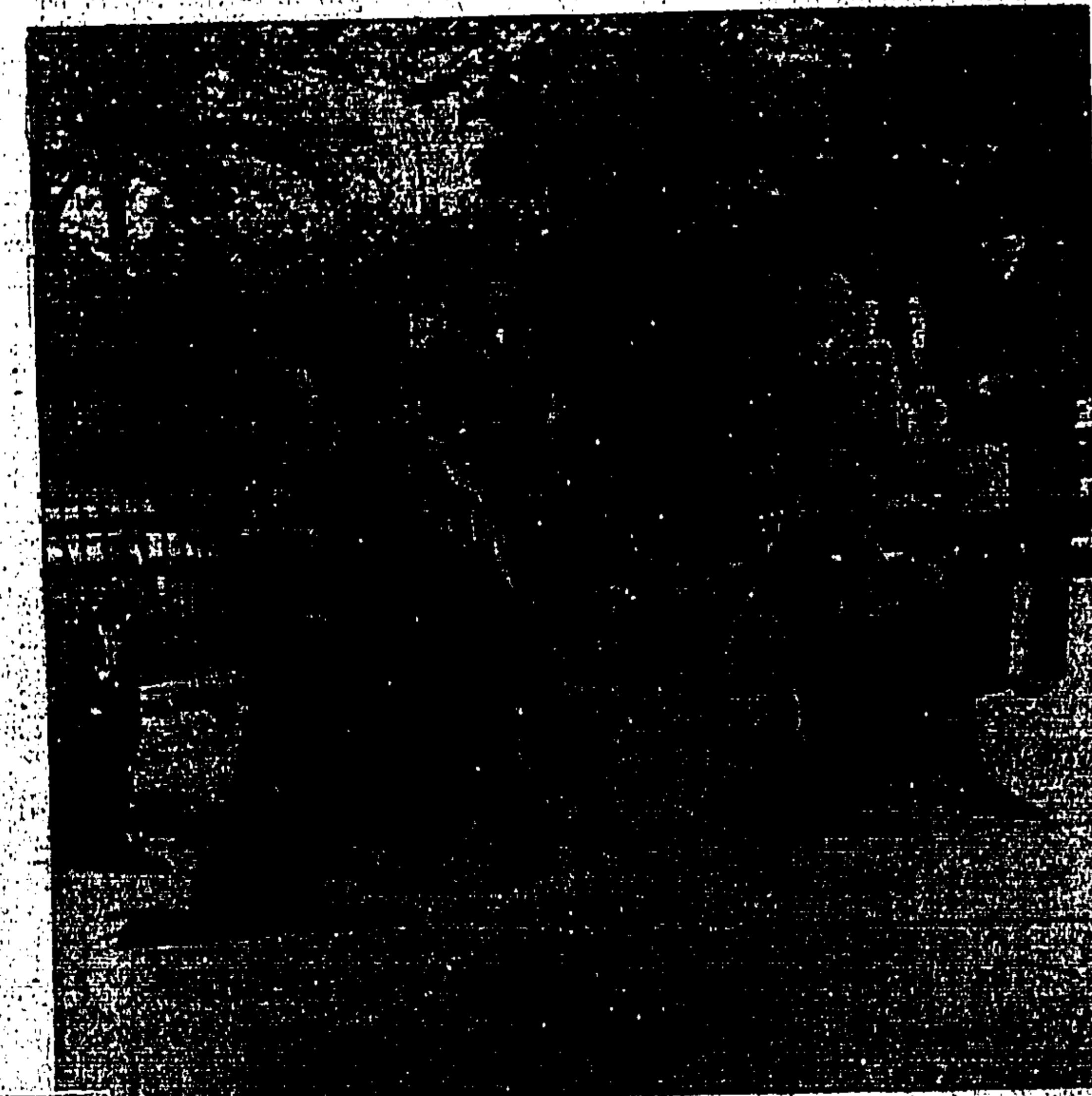
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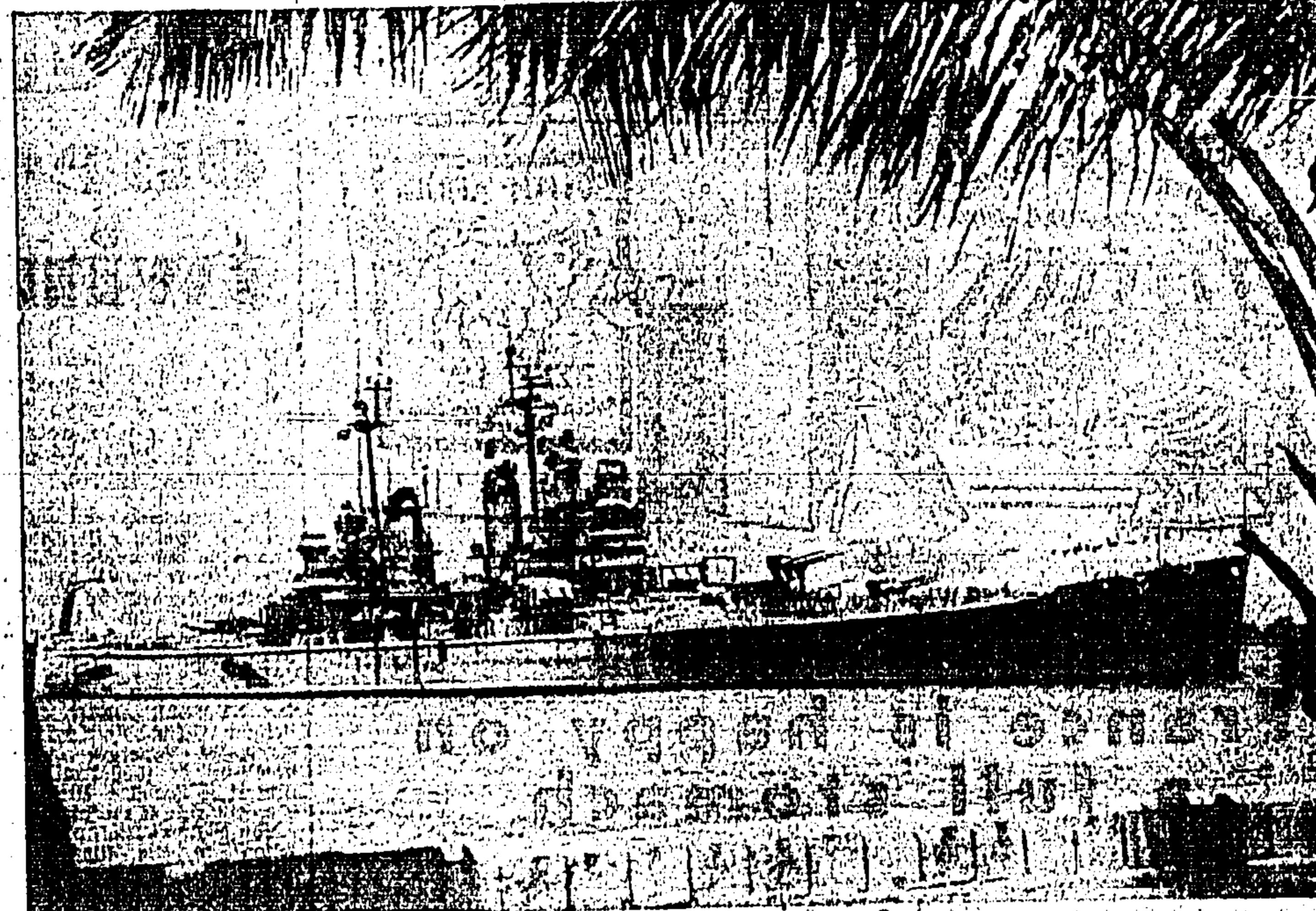
**SHE'S THE ONE**—Mrs. Betty Milkovich was chosen New York's Foster Mother of 1949. This was a new variation of Mother's Day, and her title was bestowed by Mayor O'Dwyer.



**MAY REPLACE IRON LUNG**—Claudine Rico demonstrates this new portable "lung" in Kansas City, Missouri. Polio sufferers will benefit from this new inexpensive invention.



**IT'S CHOW TIME**—The Philadelphia Zoo is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, but the busy keepers don't forget to feed the animals during the festivities. These sea lions are eating a ton of fish.



**JUST VISITING**—The heavy cruiser USS St. Paul arrives at Pearl Harbour. Accompanied by the cruiser USS Manchester, flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas H. Binford, the St. Paul spent only three days in Hawaii, en route to China.



**TO THE RESCUE**—When a flash fire swept a business and dwelling block in Franklin, New Hampshire, three elderly persons died and two more were missing. The damage caused before the fire was brought under control was estimated at \$75,000. Firemen fought the blaze for several hours.



**GUARD DUTY**—While the British and Soviet authorities disputed the use of canals through the British sector of Berlin, this Russian barge passed through with an armed guard. With the blockade lifted, all craft will be able to use the canals, whereas formerly the Russians stopped traffic not having Soviet



**MODERN MOUNTIES**—In the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Criminal Investigation Bureau in Ottawa, a corporal checks fingerprints on a bottle found at the scene of a crime. The RCMP now serves on land, sea and in the air, is fully modernized and numbers 3,500.



**MEYBE HE'S PRAYING**—The recent weather hasn't brought much snow, and Bozo, the polar bear in a Denver, Colorado, zoo, likes to have some around. It may be that he's saying a little prayer in the hope of keeping what he's already got.

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## France is happy on a full stomach

PARIS. by JOAN HARRISON

I WAS returning to France after three days in London. "Do you have fun in Paris?" asked the American business man sitting beside me in the train to Folkestone.

"Yes, it is fun to live in a country where people seem glad to be alive," I said.

Right now France is on a wave of prosperity. It has kept the same Government in power for eight months.

There is no rationing except for coffee and sugar. Prices have dropped slightly.

### TOURIST BOOM

There have been no aggressive Communist strikes for more than six months. The tourist industry is booming. The franc is stabilizing itself on the free market. Marcel Cerdan is winning all his fights.

This change began to appear at the beginning of 1949. Nineteen hundred and forty-eight had passed out in a wave of wholesale strikes. But the Communists were never able to pull off a general strike.

Forecasts of good crops and better food supplies began to filter through to the workers. Bread came off the ration. The tide began to turn.

Rapidly, meat became slightly cheaper, vegetables dropped in price owing to a glut, and the rich farm lands of Normandy began to burst with the promise of abundant milk, cheese, and butter.

The dollar went on the free market and promptly the franc began to stabilize.

The black market started to lose its grip. The shabby gentlemen along the boulevards trying to buy pounds and dollars began to go out of business.

Then, a month ago, milk, butter, cheese, and fats came off the ration.

There was now no talk of impending political crisis. General de Gaulle, to whom the French started to turn again when they became frightened, began to be much less important.

A FEW SNACKS

Mr Averell Harriman, U.S. roving ambassador to the Marshall Plan countries, commented a few weeks ago in an off-the-record talk with journalists on "this amazing turn about in France which seems to have crept up on us."

There are, of course, a few snags on the horizon, chief among them is the drought of the past few months, which has caused the Minister of Agriculture to forecast a very mediocre crop of cattle foods.

In London I was appalled at the rise in the cost of living.

I saw my mother pay 5s. for a pound of tomatoes which over here cost 2s. 6d.

For some things, visitors will find prices slightly cheaper than England; for others much higher.

### MOOD OF MOMENT

Taxis in Paris cost three times what one would pay in London. Third-class travel in England is comfortable, in France it is not.

British tourists this year will not, however, find that prosperous France is very much cheaper on their pockets than it was last year. The tourist hotels are still expensive. It is in the smaller places in the country that the difference is more noticeable.

A reasonable pension in the South of France with room, two good meals a day and wine, now costs on an average 14s. a day (700 francs) as against £1 last year (1,000 francs).

A good meal in a medium-class restaurant will cost you a head with wine, but for that you will get hors d'oeuvre, meat and vegetables, cheese, fruit, and coffee, with half a bottle of wine per person.

All these things combined are giving the Frenchman a greater feeling of happiness.

—London Express Service

## C. V. R. THOMPSON REPORTS The American Scene

New York. OFF TO BRITAIN for the first time in 24 years, Governor Tom Dewey, of New York, the Tories' head man in America refuses to admit that he will see Winston Churchill. But he will. . . . The Americans have proved they can do anything.

A firm announces that tin cans will be returned to the air-lift, which nine-and-a-half out of every ten Americans think is an all-American show. . . . There is more talk of the hot weather (98 degrees in the Middle West today) than of the cold war.

EVEN BRITISH VISITORS to America would have to put up a £250 bond repayable on departure under a new plan to tighten up immigration loopholes being discussed in Congress. . . . Resolution passed by the annual convention of New York's Catholic ex-Servicemen. "The practice of members calling each other 'comrade' will be discontinued."

A CHAIN OF U.S. teashops announces that the second cup of coffee is "on the house."

On sale in the teashops, home permanent wave set for dolls and miniature gangster's weapons assembled in a box marked "Murder Set."

SHOW BUSINESS: Because of the jaundice he caught in England, Cary Grant has been put on a year's diet of ice cream sodas, but no whisky and soda. . . . Broadway critics hail the return of the Fred Astaire-Ginger Rogers partnership in "The Barkleys of Broadway." "The Gay Barkleys" in England, as "the greatest romp-grochement since America and Russia began trying to patch up their quarrels." Danny Kaye's next Hollywood film will be a comedy thriller.

They go on to point out the dangers to Germany of alliance with the West when her natural export markets and raw material sources lie in the Soviet-dominated East.

## THE GREAT PROBLEM: Will I be one—or will I be twins?

SEFTON DELMER'S NEWSMAP

IN two weeks spent travelling around Germany, I have found more believe-it-or-nots than I find in a normal six months of European travel.

Not surprising, you say, in a country which still does not know the outcome of the East-West tussle over her future, whether she will be one nation—or twins. But because of that the paradoxes lose nothing in interest.

What do you think of this for NUMBER ONE? Socialist Britain is squabbling with free-enterprise America over the break-up of industrial cartels.

And it is Socialist Britain that is on the side of the monopolists.

You can see the paradox in action in the dispute over matches. You remember the story....

Way back in the twenties, Swedish match king Ivan Krueger made a deal with the Weimar Republic. His company was given the monopoly in the manufacture of matches for Germany on condition that certain revenues were regularly paid into the German treasury.

Krueger committed suicide. The Weimar Republic committed suicide. Hitler committed suicide. But the match monopoly in modified form, lived on.

Now the Americans, stung by the comments of their visiting Congressmen that they had done nothing about breaking up the cartels, are determined to start by breaking up the match monopoly.

But the British—rightly seeing in this a threat to the whole principle of State ownership of industry—are fighting tooth and nail to preserve the monopoly. With it they hope to keep alive the possibility that German industry may one day be turned over to Socialist German monopolists.

Who will win? My money is on the Americans.

### The case of A SOVIET BARGAIN

BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT: NUMBER TWO: The Russians are telling the Germans, "It is all the fault of the Communists." Not the Russian Communists, mind you, but the German Communists of the Socialist Unity Party.

This is all part of the new Soviet line which accompanies—and precedes—the lifting of the Berlin blockade. The idea is to make the West German Socialists and, above all, the West German Right-wingers of the Christian Democratic Union believe that Russia is ready for a new policy of collaboration with them in a united Germany.

American experts have calculated that at most 800,000 Germans will be born in any one year from now, and that by 1950 the German population will have fallen from its present total of 80 million to 40 million.

In other words—the Germans are no longer multiplying more rapidly than the French, as they did before the war, and that will have ceased to outnumber them.

Authoritative Russians in Berlin, like Ambassador Semyonov and his deputies Ivanov and Tulpanov, have been telling West Germans and non-Communist East Germans: "These policies you dislike in our zone, they are not our doing. They are due to the overzealousness and stupidity of the German Communists. Our mistake was to listen to them. We want to change all that now and work with Germans who put Germany first. For our interests are identical today as they were after the 1914-18 war."

They go on to point out the dangers to Germany of alliance with the West when her natural export markets and raw material sources lie in the Soviet-dominated East.

Mathematics and statistics are, however, notoriously unreliable where human beings are concerned.

So the Germans are preparing another way of reassuring the suspicious French. And this is paradox NUMBER FOUR:

German economic boss Ludwig Erhard, now in Washington, is trying to persuade the Americans to give the French a large dollar loan.

—London Express Service



Germany is a paradise of paradox, not so surprising, perhaps, in a country which ever since V-E Day has been the battleground of conflicting ways of living. And which now, as the Berlin blockade is ending, faces a tough problem of rebirth.

If Erhard's proposal is accepted, the French will invest these dollars, not in France, but in Germany. They will put the money into the heavy industries of the Rhineland and the Ruhr.

The French would thus obtain an authoritative voice in the control of Germany's key industries, while the Germans would get badly-needed money.

But most of all, the Germans hope that if the scheme goes through the French will no longer object to the expansion of German industry beyond the limits set by recent agreements.

I have little doubt that this scheme fascinates the French.

I would approve of the scheme myself if Britain and Belgium's financial and industrial interests were associated with it.

Then British voices would also have a say in the Ruhr long after the present Ruhr state is dead.

## The riddle of AN ALLIED HERO

HOW long, I wonder, will the main street of the little Bavarian town of Freising keep its present name, "Captain Snow Straße" which is NUMBER FIVE on my list?

It is called that in honour of the American tank commander who accepted Freising's surrender, much to the relief of its alarmed citizens, and then joined the German republic.

I do not know how far this street name springs from a genuine sense of gratitude, or how far from a calculating German desire to flatter their overlord.

But I did notice that the Captain Snow Straße sign-plate was only a piece of very temporary-looking painted wood, as against the steel and enamel of the neighbouring General von Nagel Straße.

My guide made no secret of his disdain for the name "Humiliating," he called it "bad taste—lacking in national dignity."

## The voice of THE WANDERERS

MY guide was a member of a class of Germans whom you will find from now on playing an ever more important and perilous role—not only in German politics, but in European politics as a whole.

His use of the well-known phrases was paradox NUMBER SIX. For he was an anti-Nazi, devout Catholic, who had publicly refused to leave the Roman Catholic Church when asked to do so by the Nazis.

But he was also a refugee—one of 12 million who have settled in West Germany, often expelled by Russians, Poles, Czechs, Hungarians, and Yugoslavs.

His home was in the Czech Sudetenland. And so, today, Nazi phrases come easily to him. He is thinking in terms of aggressive nationalism. He is filled with the rancour of those dispossessed—an easy target for any new Hitler who may come along.

What is true of him applies with even greater force to the millions of other refugees. Do not imagine, either, that they are old folk who will die soon, taking their grievances and their hate with them.

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—London Express Service

## WHITE KING TOILET SOAP FOR BEAUTY!



## ECA REVIEW OF IRISH ECONOMY

### No Interference With Political Activity

Washington, May 23.—Mr Richard M. Bissell Jr., assistant deputy Economic Cooperation Administrator, told the Senate subcommittee that the ECA was doing nothing either to prevent or to assist the unification of Ireland.

Replying to a question by Democratic Representative Sidney R. Yates, Mr Bissell explained: "We do not direct political activity."

"The testimony was given in a secret session some time ago, but was made public today in connection with the appropriation bill."

### Situation In Tripolitania To Be Reconsidered

London, May 23.—The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons today that the Government was "considering anew" the situation in Tripolitania.

He was replying to Mr Thomas Driborg, Labour, who had asked for a statement on the Government's policy in view of the United Nations General Assembly's decision to postpone a discussion of the former Italian colonies until September.

Mr Driborg asked the Government to reconsider Britain's policy, "which must look to the Arabs as if we were letting them down."

Mr Anthony Eden, the deputy Opposition leader, asked the Minister to consider again the proposal which he (Mr Eden) had made some months ago, "which might have avoided some of this trouble—that is, giving trusteeship to the Western Union collectively."

Mr David Trenton, National Liberal, spoke of the economic difficulties in Tripolitania which, he said, had been administered merely on a care and maintenance basis for over six years.

Mr Mayhew replied: "We are most certainly aware of all that. Indeed, it explains our great effort to reach some kind of practical arrangement at the United Nations."—Reuters.

### Bristol Dockworkers Strike

London, May 23.—Bristol dockworkers struck today in support of the 1,300 men on strike at Avonmouth, who allege the victimisation of 150 men who had refused to handle vessels involved in the Canadian Seamen's Union dispute.

Ten vessels in Avonmouth and four in Bristol were idle today, including the Canadian ship, Montreal City. Mr Arthur Bird, National Secretary of the Docks Section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, flew during the weekend from Brussels, where he was attending a conference, in an attempt to present the union's view to the strikers.

The 450 Bristol dock strikers boycotted the union meeting which was called this morning for this purpose. The strikers have resolved not to work any vessel unless they receive a guarantee that they will not be asked to handle the ships involved in the Canadian seamen's dispute.

Southampton dockers today reaffirmed their earlier decision not to work the Canadian freighter, Seaboard Trader, which has been strike-bound at Southampton since April 20. They also decided not to work any other Canadian ships involved in the Canadian seamen's dispute.

The Scottish area of the National Union of Mineworkers today decided to give £100 to the Canadian Seamen's Union.—Reuters.

### THOMAS MANN'S SON POISONED

Cannes, May 23.—Klaus Mann, 43-year-old son of the German-born novelist Thomas Mann, was found poisoned in his hotel room here during the weekend.

De Jean Baloux, who made a post mortem examination, declared that death was due to barbiturate poisoning.

Mann, an American national, had been staying in Cannes for a short period.—Reuters.

### Prominent Resident Dies



Sir Robert Kotewall, K.C., CMG, LLD, one of Hongkong's best known residents, who died at his home after a heart attack late last night. He was aged 69.

Sir Robert had been in very indifferent health since the Japanese occupation.

A funeral service will be conducted at 51, Conduit Road, tomorrow morning at 10.45, and the cortege will leave for the Mount Davis cemetery at 11 o'clock.

### MISSING BARONET TURNS UP IN BAR

Worcester, May 23.—Norman serves beer and whisky at the Star Hotel here just like any other white-coated barman.

But this morning, he learned that there is something special about him.

He is Sir Norman Hamilton Pringle, one of England's 13 missing baronets.

The editor of Burke's Peerage, which keeps a check on the aristocracy, said recently that they had lost track of ten.

"I have never tried to hide myself," laughed Sir Norman. "True, I have knocked about the world a good deal."

After the war, he said, he got the idea of going into the hotel business.

"I wrote to the manager here and he fixed me up in this position. My aim is to obtain a job as manager of a country hotel but before doing so I want to get experience."

Two other peers turned up recently. Fifty-eight year old Sir John Henry Durn, son of a former Lord Mayor of London, turned up checking coal trucks as they came from an open cast mine near Barnsley.

And Sir John Chubb, second Baron of Stonehenge, was found living secluded in a flat on the South Coast.—Associated Press.

### PI-Indonesian Loan Talks

Manila, May 24.—The Philippine Foreign Office begins talks today with Indonesian representatives on the proposed US\$500,000 loan to Indonesia in the form of surplus Philippine goods.

The Indonesian representatives, Dr Alexander Maranis, Foreign Minister, and Mr Charles Tamdu, Secretary General, will confer with Mr Felino Neri, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The Philippine Cabinet has already expressed itself as favouring a loan, but has taken no definite action, awaiting a concrete Indonesian proposal.—United Press.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My father's an undertaker, but that won't make any difference to me—I'll work just as hard being a doctor!"

## Americans Trying To Circumvent Australian Law

### CALWELL'S CHARGE

Sydney, May 23.—The Immigration Minister, Mr Arthur Calwell, today charged that prominent Americans in Tokyo were actively engaged in a conspiracy to help a Filipino of American citizenship to circumvent Australia's immigration laws.

In an exclusive interview, Mr Calwell referred to U.S. Army Corporal Lorenzo Gamboa, who was unable to visit his Australian wife in Melbourne because of the "White Australia" policy.

"As matters now stand, the Gamboa case is closed," said Mr Calwell.

He charged that Mr Alvin Carpenter, legal aide to General MacArthur, was "much to blame" in the Gamboa case.

"Some prominent Americans in Tokyo are actively engaged in a conspiracy to help Gamboa circumvent the laws of Australia," he said.

Carpenter has been trying to speak for MacArthur in the Gamboa case. At no time has the general ever personally made any representation to this government about Gamboa."

Making it plain that the government would not consider Gamboa's temporary or permanent residence in Australia, he said: "There has been too much manoeuvring in the Gamboa case."

"It became clear to us that Gamboa was not merely seeking an opportunity to visit his wife. He wanted permanent residence."

"He originally applied for residence. When that application was refused, Gamboa and his friends began to seek ways of circumventing the Australian government and making us look ridiculous in the process."

"Now the suggestion is made by Mrs Gamboa that he may wait until after the next election because there will be a new government in power which might permit his husband to come here. She may do so. That is her privilege. But as matters now stand the Gamboa case is closed."—United Press.

## Lords Expected To Delay Iron And Steel Bill

London, May 23.—Britain's most fiercely-contested Socialist measure, the Iron and Steel Nationalisation Bill, runs the risk of a long delay when it comes before the House of Lords for its second reading on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, has already pledged the Conservatives to throw out iron and steel nationalisation if his Party is returned to power next year.

Labour quarters believe that in the meantime the Conservatives, who dominate the House of Lords, will stall the passing of legislation until the last moment in the present Parliament.

But they cannot prevent the Bill from eventually passing into law, for the Government's Parliament Bill, which will be enacted this year, will cut the Peers' powers of delaying from two years to one, and will operate retroactively.

This means that the Bill, if blocked by the Lords from now onwards, would appear on the Statute—regardless of the House of Lords' disapproval—before a General Election in June 1950.

Opposition Peers have not yet disclosed whether they have in fact decided to use full delaying tactics.—Reuters.

### "White Rajah" Appeal Authorised

London, May 23.—The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today authorised the relatives of the "White Rajah" of Sarawak to appeal against the refusal of the Brunei State Courts to serve a summons—in connection with the transfer of Sarawak to Britain—outside the State's jurisdiction.

Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, King's Counsel, said the suit was instituted in July, 1940, in the State Court of Brunei by the Rajah's brother and heir presumptive, Captain Bertram Brooke, and Captain Brooke's son, Mr Anthony Brooke, who opposed the summons.

Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, the third "White Rajah" of the 50,000 square miles territory, ceded Sarawak to the British Government on May 21, 1946.

Sir David said that the defendants were all residents in England and it was therefore necessary to serve the summons outside the Judicature of Brunei.

"Leave was refused by the Resident in Brunei and his refusal was upheld in the Court of Appeal in the State," he added.

The plaintiffs had asked for a declaration that the sovereignty of Sarawak was inalienable by Sir Vyner Brooke.—Reuters.

### Film Writer Dead

Beverly Hills, (California) May 23.—Hollywood today mourned the death of Charles Gordon Booth, 53, who won the Screen Guild Academy award as a scenario writer and author.

A native of Manchester, England, he died yesterday after an illness of two months.

He began his film career in 1936 when his novel, "The General," died at Dawn," was optioned. He won an "Oscar" two years ago for his original screen story, "The Doctor," on 92nd Street.—United Press.

### Factory Explosion

Brunswick, May 23.—Three German workers were killed in a gunpowder explosion factory at Boston, Mass., yesterday occurring at 10.30 a.m. at the factory of the General Mills Co. in the Australian city of Sydney. The explosion, which occurred at 10.30 a.m. at the factory of the General Mills Co. in the Australian city of Sydney, was not known to have been caused by any accident.

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### A LOVE-BORN OF VIOLENCE

and a HATE that brought him face to face with his worst enemy—the father of his sweetheart!

Mrs Mike's next month, Miss Keyes plans a European tour with actress Paulette Goddard. She said she might decide about divorce after the tour.

The Hustons were married on July 23, 1940. Huston, winner of two Academy "Oscars" last month, has just returned from Europe, where he scouted locations for "Quo Vadis".—United Press.

Lilenthal Enquiry Ordered

Washington, May 23.—A Congressional investigation was ordered today into allegations against Mr David Lilenthal of "incredible mismanagement" of America's atom bomb programme.

Mr Lilenthal has been Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission for many years, and was appointed only after a bitter Senate battle.

An enquiry by a Congress Committee has been concerned with the award of atomic education grants to a Communist and others not given "security clearance."

Senator Bourke Hickenlooper (Republican, Iowa), who earlier made the "mismanagement" allegation, bluntly demanded that Mr Lilenthal be dismissed.

Mr Lilenthal has described Mr Hickenlooper's blast as "a vague and unscientific wholesale indictment." He said that he was willing to stand on the Commission's record.—Reuters.

### Radio Hongkong

LAST 4 SHOWS  
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FIRST TIME SHOWING IN HONGKONG. Which is stronger than "THE ATLANTIC LINE"? A very complicated concrete fortification with deep trenches and the SO-CALLED "TURKEY IRON WALLS".

WITH ENGLISH AND CHINESE SUB-TITLES  
Next Change: "THE UP TURNED GLASS"

### S'HAIR AIRLIFT PLAN

BOY MADE TO KILL HIS FATHER

(Continued from Page 1)

Deputy Sheriff C. P. Cook, who investigated the double killing, said neither of the children knew what had happened. He said: "They just told me about the shooting as it occurred. They weren't even crying because they didn't know what it meant to be dead. They just don't realize what went on."

Albert, reportedly engaged because his wife would not return him after five years of separation, United Press.

# ROLY JENKINS BRINGS ON YORKSHIRE COLLAPSE

**London, May 23.**—Bowlings were again on top in most County Cricket matches today. The unexpected collapse of Yorkshire against Roland Jenkins, of Worcestershire, provided one of the highlights of the day's play.

Yorkshire lost nine wickets for 111 today, Jenkins taking five of them for 39. Hutton remained unbeaten with 78 and had the distinction of batting through a complete innings for the first time in his career and became the ninth Yorkshire player to do so.

Eric Bedser bowled well on a responsive wicket for Surrey to gain a first innings lead at Birmingham. The four remaining Warwickshire wickets fell in half an hour this morning. Splendid bowling by Warwickshire's Eric Hollies then put his side in a good position. He took eight Surrey second innings wickets for 54 runs.

Another grand innings by Somerset's Harold Gimblett, who completed his second century of the match with a six in the last over of the day, following fine bowling by Lawrence placed Somerset in a good position to record their championship win of the season. It was the first time that Gimblett had scored two centuries in a match. Somerset finished with a lead of 309 runs.

After gaining a first innings lead over Nottinghamshire with only half the side out, Kent collapsed against some fine bowling by Harry, who enjoyed a spell after ten of three wickets for seven runs.

His performance was eclipsed by Jepson who, returning after illness, captured six for 94. Mends, the home wicket-keeper, helped to dismiss six Kent batsmen. The Kent score was built on Arthur Fagg's second century of the season, which included 14 boundaries.

A gallant fight gave Essex a first innings lead over the Champions, Glamorgan, at Ilford. Ray Smith's sparkling 72, which included a six and ten fours, offset some fine bowling by Wilf Wooller. Glamorgan's captain, who, with his fast mediums, took six for 99.

Leading by 20 runs Essex gained some quick successes, and were in a sound position by the end of the day.

S. Brown and H. Sharp, the Middlesex opening batsmen, shared a partnership of 220 in three and three-quarter hours against Cambridge University. Brown played his highest innings for the County.

**CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES**

The close of play scores were: At Cambridge: Cambridge University 205; Middlesex 402 for 4 (Brown 179, Sharp 98).

At Taunton: Somerset 242 and 27 for 3 (Gimblett 103 not out, Coops 53 not out); Hampshire 150 (Lawrence 6 for 31).

At Gloucester: Sussex 241 and 61 for 3; Gloucestershire 150.

**Major League Baseball**

**New York, May 23.**—Reports of the "death" of Boston Red Sox appeared to have been greatly exaggerated today as they played brilliant ball again to defeat Detroit Tigers, 4-0, behind Ellis Kinder's five hit pitching.

Kinder, pitching one of the best games of his career, needed two great catches by centre fielder Don DiMaggio to save his shutout, and they came in succession in the first inning with two men on base. Vern Stephens contributed the chief offensive support with a two run homer, his 11th.

Braves again took over undisputed possession of first place in the National League with a 11-4 victory over last place Chicago Cubs.

It was Boston's ninth win in its last 12 games and extended Chicago's losing streak to five games.

All of Boston's 12 hits figured in run production, with Marvin Miller contributing a three run homer in the first inning.

**THE SCORES**

Scores were:

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Detroit ..... 0 5 0  
Boston ..... 4 8 1  
Tigers: Krelow; c. Swift  
Red Sox: p. Kinder; c. Teddets.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Boston ..... 11 12 0  
Chicago ..... 4 10 1  
Braves: p. Blackford; c. Balkin  
Cubs: p. Dubiel; Lode, Leonard, Kish, Adkins; c. McCullough.—United Press.

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## TAKING IT EASY?



That apparent lack of interest by Jockey Paul Miller (right foreground) is misleading. He lost his stirrups and so sits erect, but still brought Ida A. home in front in the first race at Sunshine Park, Fla.—AP Wirephoto.

## Fencing Becoming A More Popular English Sport

Women took their full part in London last week-end in a big test of swordsmanship—a sport spreading its appeal all over the country, 4,250 people, are now accomplished duellists.

Once fencing was taught here only in scarce academies and the universities. Today there are 200 clubs. The Ministry of Education finances the employment of a full-time coach, now touring Britain teaching teachers. He is Roger Crosnier, coach of the French national team who swept the board at last year's Olympic games.

Leaders of the 1000 women who fence are Mrs Glen Hoig, Olympic finalist, and Miss Arbutnott, twice women's champion.

Lending Englishmen in swordsmanship are still Emrys Lloyd with the foil, foundation of all fencing, Dr Ronald Parfitt with the epee, the duelling weapon, and Dr Roger Tredgold with the sabre, for thrust and cutting. And there is, of course, Do Benamont himself, best known of all in Britain by Wallace.

The New Zealanders were clearly surprised by Bailey's pace. Mann, the KCC captain, wisely used him in short spells.

When the King and Queen arrived, the Wellington pair, Rabone and Mooney, were stubbornly engaged in a praiseworthy effort to save the follow-

### HARRY CARR'S FIRST RACE

W. (Harry) Carr, the King's jockey, was not in the first three on Flying Slipper—in the "2.30" at Newmarket his first ride since he broke a leg nearly a year ago. Even so he could not have chosen a more appropriate time to return to the saddle.

The horses of Capt. Boyd-Rochfort, for whom he is stable jockey, are just running into form, and nothing could restore Carr's confidence quicker than a few early winners.

Capt. Boyd-Rochfort is preparing two American-bred horses for the Derby in Brown Rover and Lono Eagle. Both these have proved their stamina. The French have taken our Derby and Gold Cup for the past two seasons. The Americans hope to do it this year.

### TRAINING OUR BOXERS

Len Brooker, ex-ABA middle-weight finalist, who took Cambridge University boxing by the scruff of the neck and produced—in defiance of the prophets—a winning team against Oxford this season, has been appointed trainer and second to the British team of four in the European championships in Oslo next month.

The appointment, Brooker's first by the ABA, renews his partnership with Johnny Wright, our middle-weight from the Royal Navy and Potters Bar. It was Brooker who gave ex-champion Johnny his earliest lessons in the art of the left hook, and who

encouraged by the unexpected support, especially from the public, which greeted the first three-day event in Britain to test the endurance of man and horse in various circumstances, the Duke of Beaufort has placed his estate at the disposal of the British Horse Society for similar events in 1950 and 1951.

Next year's programme will be more severe, and will advance by stages the work demanded from those who finished high up last month. There is now a suggestion that in 1951 the affair should be international, giving competitors the chance of riding against the best foreign saddle.

Two possible choices for this year's British Walker Cup team, Charles Stowe and Cecil Ewing, also made unexpected exits in the opening round. Stowe, on English International, was runner-up in the final last year to the American, Stranahan, who had a first-round bye today.

Forty-three years old Francis beat Stowe two and one-half to one. Hamilton McNally, of Scotland, beat Stowe 2-0, 4-0, 6-0.

Men's Doubles

Second Round

Mr. H. Hibbiny (United States) and Mr. J. Thomas (Sweden) beat P. Jacobson and Mr. J. Pallada (Yugoslavia) 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

Modesto, Calif., May 22.—The University of South California's half mile relay team, led by Mel Patton, 200 Metres Olympic champion, has broken the world record for the third time in eight days.

The team, comprising George Paquail, Tommie Frasier, N. Stocks and Mel Patton, covered the four by 200 yards relay distance in one minute, 23.0 seconds, last night at the California Relays in Modesto.

Today, the same team did the half mile in one minute, 24.2 seconds, and on May 18 in the West Coast relays at Wimbleton, today won her first match in the Surrey lawn tennis championships, at Surbiton, beating Miss Janet Morgan, the British holder of the United States amateur racket title.

Miss Linda took 46 minutes to win 6-0, 6-4.—Reuters.

## Australia Has Some New Empire Games Prospects

BY ERN COWLEY

Edwin Carr won the quarter-mile at the Sydney Cricket Ground, where Herb McKinley and Lloyd La Beach also competed on the first day of the Australian athletic championships recently, and it has set the question: Is the son of "Slip" Carr better than Morris Currota and John Bartram?

Currota did not compete in the Australian title race but will shortly defend his New South Wales title and then, it is believed, give away the quarter and New Zealand, 1950, as an objective.

McKinley, after being soundly trounced by Carr in the recent 440, said: "That boy is terrific, and his 48 seconds under those conditions is amazing. He is in world class, all right, but I cannot say yet if he is better than your Olympian runner, Morris Currota."

### SECOND EVENT

John Bartram, the littleholder, was beaten into fourth place, but he had previously raced in the 100-yard sprint final against the flying La Beach. Jan Blanckers (husband-coach of Fanny Blanckers-Koen, both of whom were at the Australian championships meet) aptly put it: "It was very surprised to see Bartram running the 100 yards and 440 on the same day. In Europe, no athlete of his class would do that." Bartram, a powerful runner, should have been least affected by the abnormal conditions prevailing during the running of the race.

When starter George Hunt called the runners to their

marks at the start of the last event of the day, heavy clouds were at bursting point and a high wind was blowing. Rain pelting down as the runners left the blocks, with the wind almost at gale force. In the back stretch the runners were scarcely discernible in the darkness and rain. When they approached the members stand on the circuit and sped into the straight for the tape, McKinley had a clear lead, but a little further on Carr dashed up in an amazing finishing burst and won running away. Photographers had to use flash-bulbs to catch Carr breasting the tape. Hundreds of spectators, braving the elements, leaped the fence to congratulate the 20-year-old new champion.

### NEW STAR RISES

It would appear that a new star has arisen in the Australian athletic firmament, and Carr's next appearance in a 440-yard race is eagerly awaited, when it is hoped something like normal will prevail.

Lloyd La Beach was fully extended to beat John Bartram in the 100 yards final due to being slow away from the starting blocks. Even then he ran the century in 9.8 and beat the Victorian in 9.6 and beat the Jamaican in 10.2. Bartram is the new littleholder, for John Treloar did not defend because of indisposition.

In his heat, La Beach ran a perfect race. Fast away, he strided to the tape in effortless fashion and registered 9.7. He could have improved upon this time, as he appeared to be content to qualify and was never pressed.

As predicted, Peter Gardner took the 120-yard hurdles title

## French Tennis Championships

Paris, May 23.—Richard Gonzales and Frank Parker of the United States today entered the quarter-final round of the men's doubles in the French International tennis championships today with the defeat of Israel's Yehuda Finkelkraut and A. Weiss. The score was 6-3, 6-4, 6-0.—United Press.

### THE RESULTS

Paris, May 23.—The results in the French lawn tennis championships, which were resumed here today, were:

**MEN'S SINGLES**  
Fourth Round

Marcel Bernard (France) beat J. Pallada (Yugoslavia) 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

**MEN'S DOUBLES**  
Third Round

P. Remy and J. Thomas (France) beat P. Jacobson and J. Pallada (Yugoslavia) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Gonzales and F. Parker (United States) beat V. Finkelkraut and A. Weiss (Israel) 6-3, 6-4, 6-6.

L. Bergelin and M. Johannsson (Sweden) beat M. Matava (Czechoslovakia) and Van Meegeren (Holland) 6-2, 8-0, 6-1.

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**  
Second Round

Miss N. Worms (Holland) and Miss J. Marcellin (France) beat M. S. Pannier and Mme J. Palani (France) 6-2, 6-0.

Miss L. Manfredi and Miss M. Miglior (Italy) beat Miss G. Butler (United States) and Miss Sam Donnithorne (Ireland) 6-3, 6-3.

Miss Henry and Miss M. Lucot (France) beat Miss V. Rigolot and Miss E. Sutz (Switzerland) 6-4, 7-5.

**MIXED DOUBLES**  
Second Round

Mr. H. Hibbiny (United States) and Mr. J. Thomas (Sweden) beat P. Jacobson and Mr. J. Pallada (Yugoslavia) 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Mr. W. Whistler (Belgium) and Miss J. Marcellin (France) beat Mr. Del Bello and Miss A. Bosel (Italy) 2-6, 10-9, 6-2.

**CHANGES IN PONY CLASSIFICATIONS**

The following are the alterations to the Jockey Club Classification List:

To Class 1 (Ponies of 1949)—Amarant.

To Class 2 (Ponies of previous seasons)—Bootsie, Seafire, The Chief.

To Class 3 (Ponies of previous seasons)—Big Show, Golden Dragon, Thunderbolt.

To Class 4 (Ponies of 1949)—Cypre, Girl, Lucky Jane, World Penco.

To Class 5 (Ponies of previous seasons)—Bolts, Fontaine, King-Perry, Prince, Good Ship.

To Class 6 (Ponies of 1949)—Atomic Power, Personality.

To Class 7 (Ponies of previous seasons)—Golden White.

To Class 8 (Ponies of previous seasons)—Cave Bear, War Hawk.

To Class 9 (Ponies of 1949)—Oldshoes, Peacock.



# NEW GERMAN CONSTITUTION PROCLAIMED

## Emotional Scenes At Bonn

Bonn, May 23.—Members of Western Germany's Constituent Assembly, many with tears in their eyes, today solemnly proclaimed the Constitution of the new West German Federal Republic.

Assembly members began putting their signatures to the formal document, dipping their pens into a golden ink-pot held by two massive eagles, at the moment when the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers opened their momentous Paris conference on Germany.

### POCKET CARTOON



London Express Artist

## Troops Guard Town Of Insein

Rangoon, May 23.—Burmane Cachin Chin and Anglo-Burmese troops on Monday stood guard inside the Karen-evacuated town of Insein north of Rangoon. Insein is now under military administration. It was officially occupied when the Karen rebels fled the city on Saturday night after withstanding a siege lasting three and a half months.

Correspondents visiting Burma's "Little Tobruk" found the streets filled with gaping bomb craters, trees sprawled across the roads and broken electric-wires festooning tree tops. The market place was a burned-out shell.

Correspondents were warned against landmines which the Karens had buried in the roads while still in occupation of the city.

Insein was without electricity or water today. Occupying forces estimated Karen strength just before their retreat at not more than 300. Two hundred wounded were found in the city hospital when government troops took over.

Civilians able to escape during the fighting told Associated Press they were reduced to a few handfuls of rice a day. Three hundred civilians are believed to have been killed during the siege.—United Press.

## ELECTION LOSS FOR LEFTISTS

Limassol, Cyprus, May 23.—The Nationalist Party had scored sweeping successes at the expense of the Leftists in the elections for 21 city administrative election results showed today.

The Nationalists won the control of eight municipalities with wide margins, while the Leftists remained in control of Limassol, Famagusta and two other industrial towns.

In Nicosia, the Nationalists won after a bitter campaign in which one person was killed and several were injured in a series of clashes. Both parties campaigned with the slogan, "Union with Greece."—United Press.

## KASHMIR TRUCE DISCUSSIONS

Kashmir, May 23.—Two members of the United Nations Commission for Kashmir, Mr. E. Collier, Norway, and Mr. R. Macaulay, United States, arrived here today for discussions with the Pakistani Government on the truce agreement in Kashmir.

Pakistan has not yet replied to the truce proposal which were presented both to India and Pakistan on April 23.—Reuter.

## TANKS ROLL THROUGH SHANGHAI



## Labour Party's 5-Year Plan Criticised

London, May 23.—Two important moves tonight disclosed the development of a formidable opposition within the Labour Movement to the "five-year plan" drafted by the leaders of the Labour Party as a programme for next year's general election.

The draft document will be submitted to the Labour Party's annual conference in two weeks' time. Important sections of each of the three wings of the Labour Movement—the Parliamentary Labour Party itself, the Co-operative Movement and the trades unions—are expected before then to have taken a critical stand.

Tonight, the Fabian Society, the 55-years' old "parent" of the Labour Party, published a pamphlet by the veteran propagandist, Mr G. D. H. Cole, criticising the timidity of the "five-year plan."

Mr Cole agrees that a second Labour Government would have to concentrate mainly on developing and improving the industries which have been nationalised and the social services which have been launched by the present Government. But he insists that the socialist nature of the Government should be proved by other reforms, including the abolition of the House of Lords, a reform of the machinery of Parliament, increased workers' participation in the management of the nationalised industries, and wider democracy in the Diplomatic Services and the Armed Forces.

### CO-OP. OBJECTIONS

Simultaneously, the leaders of the powerful Co-operative Movement were in conference in London, drafting their objections to the plan. These objections are understood to centre on the proposals to nationalise industrial insurance, a field in which the Co-operative Movement has important interests. They will be presented to the leaders of the Labour Party later this month.

Criticism has already been voiced by Mr. Jack Bailey, Secretary of the Co-operative Movement, in a document to branches of the Party. He wrote: "If we conceal our fears and misgivings until Labour has irrevocably committed itself to this draft statement, the days, either of the Labour Government or of the Co-operative Movement, are numbered."

Another disagreement within the Labour Movement will be carried a stage further on the eve of the Labour Party's conference. The leaders of the eight million-strong Trades Union Congress will meet the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, to stress again their view that more should be done to keep down the cost of living.—Reuter.

## Thakin Nu Postpones Visit To London

Rangoon, May 23.—The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, has postponed his projected visit to London, it was officially stated tonight.

The Premier was due to leave for Britain on Saturday.

A Government spokesman said that the postponement had been caused by two factors: (1) Leading British statesmen might have little time for discussion while the British Parliament was still sitting; (2) The Burmese Prime Minister could have only made the briefest stay in London, having to return here by June 7 for the opening of the Parliamentary summer session.

Thakin Nu was likely to visit London at the end of June or early in July, the spokesman added. The proposed visit was not connected with Commonwealth aid to Burma, he said.

"Usually well-informed sources here said last week that the Premier would discuss with the British Government short-term monetary assistance to finance Burma's rice exports, plans for Burma's eventual rehabilitation and Sino-Burma border defence problems.

The question of getting modern agricultural machinery from Britain to assist Burmese farmers would also be discussed, they added.—Reuter.

## LORDS MAY DELAY BILL

London, May 23.—A Parliament Bill that will speed up the mobilisation of Britain's sparetime soldiers, sailors and airmen in the event of a real or expected emergency was published today.

The Bill, entitled "The Auxiliary and Reserve Forces Bill," will enable the Territorials and other categories of Auxiliaries and Reservists to be called out in an emergency for home defence without a proclamation by the King.

Under it, various auxiliary and reserve categories, after embodiment in the main forces during an emergency, will be liable for service overseas.

The Bill will institute a special section of the Royal Fleet Reserve, with liability to be called out for a limited period of service when warlike operations are in preparation or progress outside the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

### King Watches Cricket

London, May 23.—King George, making his first appearance at a sporting event since his illness, was cheered by thousands when, in company of the Queen, he visited a Lord's cricket ground today to see the New Zealanders play against the MCC. The king looked "very fit"—Reuter.

## Bid For Skins Rejected

Lisbon, May 23.—Lisbon City Council has announced that a foreigner has requested permission to buy all the skins of stray dogs and cats destroyed in Lisbon, amounting to some 6,000 a year. He wanted the skins for making gloves and fur coats.

The Council refused the application, since by law the skins must be sold by public auction. Joaquim Alves Barbosa is the only bidder at these auctions and he buys the skins at the rate of two escudos each and makes them into gloves and fur coats.—United Press.

## AUSTRALIA'S NEW INDUSTRY

Canberra, May 23.—The Australian Government hopes its whaling industry will be a going concern by June 1950.

Commerce Minister, R. T. Pollard said that by then he expected the whaling base at Sharks Bay in Western Australia would be producing whale oil and subsidiary products. This had been established because the government could not get a factory ship soon enough.

Chaser ships would supply it. Also, a private company will be allowed to take over an old whaling station at Point Coates in Western Australia formerly run by a Norwegian whaling company.—United Press.



"Oh, turn around, Gordon! You stopped smoking years ago."

## India Solidly Supports Nehru

London, May 23.—Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, said today that 90 percent of the people of India were behind Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, in the happy understanding established recently at the Commonwealth Conference.

Mr Patil was speaking at a luncheon given in his honour by the Indian Journalist Association, which was attended by Mr V. N. Krishna Menon, the High Commissioner for India, the Mayor of Islington (a North London borough) and Mr. Reginald Sorenson, Member of Parliament.

Mr Patil said that the atmosphere in which the Commonwealth agreement was reached was a happy augury of the future relations between India and Britain.

### MUCH TO LEARN

"We in India have much to learn from England, but may I tell my British friends that Britain also has a good deal to learn from India, to make the new Commonwealth a success?" said Mr Patil. "The past will lead the two countries to closer and more cordial relations in the future," he added.

Mr A. E. Smith, the Mayor of Islington, endorsed Mr Patil's views that a democratic government could only succeed if it was rooted in a strong local self-government. He said that if he had his way he would insist that every member of Parliament would go through aborough council for at least three years.

Mr. R. P. Sabavala, a former Mayor of Bombay, said that the graceful way in which Britain quit India was really an asset in that she had been able to retain the friendship of India.

Mr. Sunder Kabral, President of the Association, welcomed Mr Patil and other guests.—Reuter.

## Russia's Young Communists Well Organised

### Komsomol's Figures

London, May 23.—Over 21,000,000 young Russians are organised in Communist children and youth organisations, according to the latest official Soviet statistics.

The Communist boy scout organisation—the so-called "pioneers"—has over 13,000,000 members while the membership of the Communist Youth League has gone up to 9,300,000. There are now 447,300 Communist Youth League organisations in the Soviet Union.

These figures were given at the recent congress of the Communist Youth League—usually called "Komsomol"—which elected a new leadership and set out the tasks of the League championship for the years to come.

Although the Soviet youth organisations are easily the largest of the world—the American Boy Scout organisation has 2,000,000 members—leadership is still not satisfied—and a new membership campaign has started.

### 33 MILL. SCHOOL-CHILDREN

The total number of pupils in Soviet elementary and secondary schools is 33,000,000 of whom all but the pupils of the lowest forms are eligible for membership in either the Pioneer or the Komsomol organisations. Pupils of the four highest forms of the secondary schools are eligible for Komsomol membership but only half of them have become organised so far.

The Komsomol Congress stated in its final resolution that there had been "serious shortcomings" in both Soviet youth organisations particularly as far as their work in schools was concerned. The resolution charged in particular that pupils of many schools were overburdened with social work and other occupations which had nothing to do with education. This, the resolution stated, had adverse effects on the progress of the pupils in their school work and also on their health. In a number of cases, the resolution charged the republican organisations of the Komsomol "even initiated various measures interfering with normal school life."—United Press.

### Margaret Goes Shopping

Venice, May 23.—Princess Margaret went shopping Monday. She left her hotel in the morning accompanied by Major Harvey and Lady Mary Harvey and walked from her hotel to Piazza San Marco. She was recognised and cheered by a crowd of tourists.

During her long tour of the Piazza and adjoining shops the Princess entered a sweet shop where she bought a special kind of chocolate called "boni," some tablets of milk chocolate, and some sugar candy.

The Princess then entered a ladies' wear shop where she bought a gaily coloured silk foulard. She returned to the hotel at noon. Later the Princess visited the battleship HMS Vanguard off Venice and spoke to her father over the direct "radio" telephone. Associated Press.

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